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SUBJECT: GUYANA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION PURCHASES
EARTH STATION

1. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED GUYANA CHRONICLE REPORTED ON APRIL 5 THAT GUYANA WILL SOON BE SUPPLIED WITH A STANDAR "B" EARTH STATION BY THE NIPPON ELECTRIC COMPANY OF JAPAN. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE CONTRACT FOR SUCH A FACILITY WAS RECENTLY SIGNED BY THE GUYANA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AND THE NISSHO-IWAI COMPANY OF JAPAN. NO PURCHASE PRICE WAS MENTIONED IN THE REPORT.
2. THE EARTH STATION WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INTERCONTINENTAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH FACILITIES BY DECEMBER THIS YEAR AND WILL UTILIZE THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE IV-A GEOSTATIONARY SATELLITE LOCATED OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.
3. IN ADDITION, IT WILL PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE LINK TO THE CONVENTIONAL TROPOSPHERIC SCATTER SYSTEM WHICH TRAVERSES THE
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4. THE EARTH STATION ALSO HAS A GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND WILL ENHANCE SECURITY FOR GUYANA'S MESSAGES SENT BY TELEPHONE, TELEX OR TELEGRAMS. IT WILL ALSO HAVE THE CAPACITY TO RECEIVE TELEVISION PROGRAMS FROM OVERSEAS FOR USE WHENEVER SUCH PROGRAMS ARE REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A NATIONAL

TELEVISION BRADCASTING SYSTEM.

5. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GUYANA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, STATED THE CHRONICLE ARTICLE, ANNOUNCED THAT GUYANA HAS ALREADY RECEIVED APPROVAL TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE INTELSAT SPACE SEGMENT WITH THE STANDARD "B" EARTH STATION WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMMISSIONED BY MID-DECEMBER THIS YEAR. HE SAID THAT OTHER PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF INTELSAT AND VERIFICATION AND OPERATION OF THE EARTH STATION IN THE INTELSAT SYSTEM ARE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY.

6. CHRONICLE ARTICLE DESCRIBED PROJECT AS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN GUYANA'S TELECOMMUNICATION EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WHICH IS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION. THIS WILL RESULT IN THE EXPANSION OF ITS INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE NETWORK BY 60 PERCENT THROUGH 1979, AND ITS TELEX BY 50 PERCENT BY MID-1979.7. COMMENT: THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD AT THIS TIME THAT TV CAPACITY OF EARTH STATION WILL BE UTILIZED SINCE GOG HAS NO PLANS FOR INTRODUCTION OF TV PROGRAMMING IN GUYANA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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